

## **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2013 MEETING OF THE MUSLIM AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Muslim American Advisory Council (“MAAC” or the “Council”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a Meeting on June 18, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 16-100, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

### **MAAC Members Present:**

1. Sohair Omar, Co-Chair
2. Kareem M. Irfan, Esq., Co-Chair
3. Dr. Bambade Shakoor Abdullah
4. Dr. Irfan Ahmad (via audio conference)
5. Mumtaz Champs
6. Clyde El-Amin
7. S. Jafer Hasnain
8. Dzafer Kulenovic (via audio conference)
9. Hande Ozdinler (designee of Dr. Sevil Kutay)
10. Salim Al Nurridin (via audio conference)
11. Matthew Ramadan (designee of Dr. Mohammed Kaiseruddin)

### **MAAC Members Absent:**

1. Murad Moosa Bhaidani
2. Tariq El-Amin
3. Dr. Inamul Haq
4. Tariq Malhance
5. Laila Muhammad
6. Najjar Abdul-Musawwir
7. Rami Nashashibi
8. Eboo Patel
9. Aisha Qadeem
10. Imad Rahman
11. Ahmed Rehab
12. Dr. Mohammad Zaher Sahloul
13. Anas Usman
14. Safaa Zarzour, Esq.

### **Guests Present:**

Abir Ahmed, Governor’s Office  
Juwairyah Syed  
Claude Walker, Governor’s Press Office

## **I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Co-Chair Omar called the Meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Ms. Ahmed called the roll. There being seven (7) Members physically present and three (3) Members participating via audio conference, a quorum was not met.

## **II. Co-Chairs' Remarks**

Co-Chair Omar stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to finalize the Council's First Semiannual Report to Governor Quinn. She briefly discussed various State grant opportunities and reminded the Council about Ethics Training. Co-Chair Irfan opened the Meeting with prayer and outlined next steps for the Council.

## **III. Adoption of the Minutes**

Not having a quorum, the Council could not adopt the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 21, 2013.

## **IV. Discussion on the Council's First Semiannual Report to the Governor**

Dr. Bambade presented her and Dr. Kaiseruddin's draft recommendations. Co-Chair Omar suggested coordinating with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in connection with any proposals to enhance the State's youth employment program. Mr. Hasnain presented draft recommendations on behalf of the Economic Development Committee. Discussion ensued.

Co-Chair Omar introduced Mr. Walker of the Governor's Press Office. Mr. Walker stated that he would draft a press release covering the Council's First Semiannual Report. The Council discussed Governor Quinn's Sister Rivers/Lakes Agreement. It was noted that the Council does not have representation from the West African Muslim community.

Co-Chair Irfan stated that the co-chairs will finalize and submit the Council's First Semiannual Report to Governor Quinn.

## **V. Other Business**

None.

## **VI. Public Comment**

None.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Dr. Bambade made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hasnain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The MAAC Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Juwairyah Syed

Summer Intern

Office of the Governor